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Department of Transportation
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1757-98-4522-10

Re: Joint Application of American Airlines, Inc. and **Finnair** Oyj for Statements of Authorization Under 14 CFR Part 212 (formerly Parts 207 and 212) (Reciprocal Codeshare Services)

Dear Mr. Gretch:

American Airlines, Inc. and Finnair Oyj hereby submit an amendment to their codeshare agreement, pending since September 30, 1998, deleting the provision on exclusivity (Section 27.1). American and Finnair also state that they do not object to deferral of their request to conduct codeshare services to St. Petersburg, Russia.

Two parties answered the American/Finnair application -- Delta Air Lines, Inc. and United Air Lines, Inc. The only issues they raised concerned exclusivity and St. Petersburg. With amendment of the agreement to remove exclusivity, and deferral with respect to St. Petersburg, the joint application (and American's accompanying exemption application in OST-98-4522 for underlying route authority to serve Riga, Latvia and Tallin, Estonia) should be granted without delay.

Respectfully submitted,

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Amendment No- 1 to Codeshare Agreement

This Amendment (No. 1) hereby modifies the codeshare agreement (the "Agreement"), dated September 24, 1998, by and between Finnair Oyj and American Airlines, Inc., as follows:

Section 27.1 of the Agreement is deleted in its entirety.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the duly authorized representatives of the parties have executed this Amendment No.1 as of the date indicated below each signature.

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